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Applicant: SHOWA CORP.
Serial Number: 10/727795
Filed: 12/04/2003
For: RELIEF VALVE
Docket Number: 13684

Response to Notice of Missing Parts

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November 19, 2004

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Enclosed herewith is the signed Declaration of Inventorship in response to the Notice to File Missing Parts. Applicant respectfully asserts that the signed Declaration was submitted with the Utility Application. See, Postcard and Utility Transmittal Form.

The enclosed declaration is a copy of the one filed with the Utility Application. Applicant has highlighted the signatures in yellow to make them more visible.

Applicant asserts that no fee is due as the signed declaration was submitted with the application. If a fee is due any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to Deposit Account Number 04-2219, referencing our Docket Number 13684.

Respectfully submitted,

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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

*Filing Date Granted***Items Required To Avoid Abandonment:**

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

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- **\$130** Late oath or declaration Surcharge.

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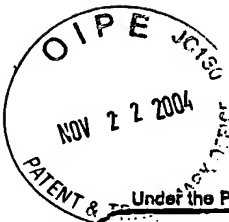
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UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

(Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 CFR 1.53(b))

Attorney Docket No.	13684
First Inventor	OBA, Kenzo
Title	RELIEF VALVE
Express Mail Label No.	EV 308145640 US

APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

- ☒ Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)
(Submit an original and a duplicate for fee processing)
- ☐ Applicant claims small entity status.
See 37 CFR 1.27.
- ☒ Specification [Total Pages 19]
(preferred arrangement set forth below)
 - Descriptive title of the invention
 - Cross Reference to Related Applications
 - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
 - Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix
 - Background of the invention
 - Brief Summary of the invention
 - Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
 - Detailed Description
 - Claim(s)
 - Abstract of the Disclosure
- ☒ Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets 5]
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 - ☐ Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63 (d))
(for continuation/divisional with Box 18 completed)
 - ☐ **DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)**
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- ☐ Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76

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- ☒ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
- ☐ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement (when there is an assignee) ☒ Power of Attorney
- ☐ English Translation Document (if applicable)
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 ☐ Copies of IDS Citations
- ☐ Preliminary Amendment
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- ☐ Nonpublication Request under 35 U.S.C. 122 (b)(2)(B)(i). Applicant must attach form PTO/SB/35 or its equivalent.
- ☒ Other: **Priority Claim**

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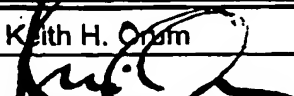
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Assignment

Convention Document

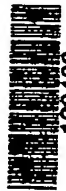
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